



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: December 1, 2021

SUBJECT: IH-35 Frontage Roads at 4th Street - Status of Traffic Signal Construction

At the November 18, 2021, City Council Meeting, Council Member Tovo and Council Member Renteria requested an update regarding the construction of the proposed traffic signals along the Northbound & Southbound IH-35 frontage roads and 4th Street. This memo provides the requested information.

The traffic signals are currently in the design phase. Design discussions are ongoing with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and Capital Metro. Approvals are required by both agencies due to the location of the signals, as well as the interconnection with the gates for the Metro Rail line. We anticipate construction to begin in March 2022, with substantial completion by summer 2022.

It should be noted that for safety reasons, we are currently pursuing full signals rather than pedestrian hybrid bacons (PHB). The full signal currently under design better responds to the unique field conditions, relative to the intersection of the Metro Rail line, trail, and frontage roads.

If any additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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